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GREED, AND THE LUST FOR RICHES, NO RESPECTER OF TIME, PLACE, OR MAN'S STATION IN LIFE, BURNS BRIGHT IN THE BREASTS OF THE ALREADY RICH AS WELL AS THE POOR, THE WEAK AND TIMID, AS WELL AS ROGUES AND ADVENTURERS! TO ILLUSTRATE THIS BASIC TRUTH, I HAVE CHOSEN TO SPIN A YARN ABOUT THE "UNUSUAL", MIXING IT UP WITH THE COMMONPLACE — A LONG-LOST EGYPTIAN TREASURE, CURSED, OF COURSE, AND ITS EFFECT ON THE LIFE OF A RATHER PLAIN AND UNEXCITING PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND ANTIQUITIES, AND HIS HERETOFORE HAPPY WIFE — A MAN WHO CAME TO A "TURNING POINT" IN HIS STAID LIFE — AND CHOSE THE WRONG PATH TO FOLLOW! BUT I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF IN TELLING YOU A STORY GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU FLIP MORE THAN JUST PAGES... SO, LET'S GET ON WITH IT, DEAR READER, BY THE SIMPLE ACT OF FLIPPING TO THE NEXT PAGE!



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...AND HERE IT STARTS — THE STORY OF PAUL TURNER, APPROPRIATELY TITLED

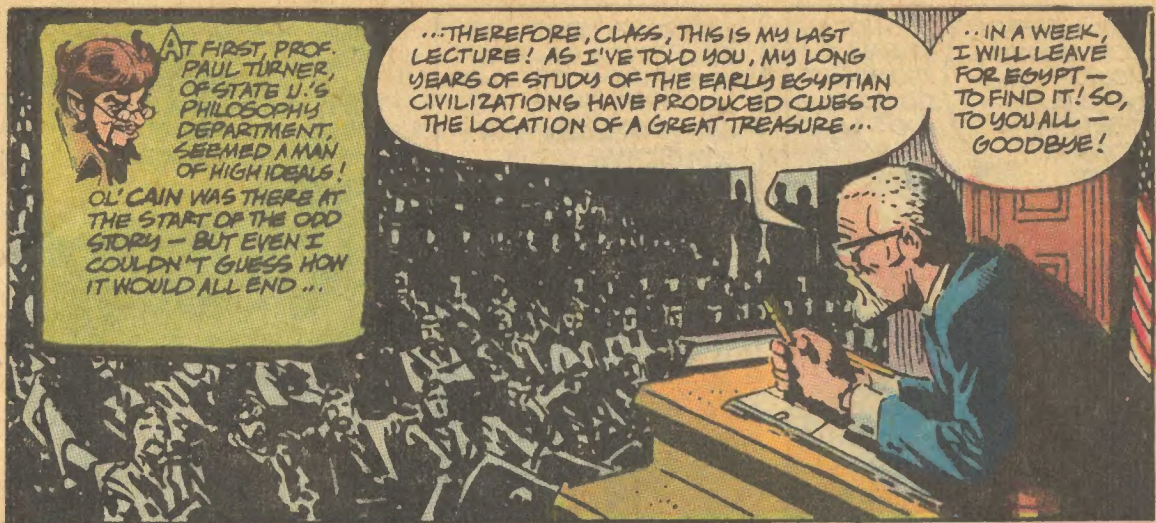


TURNER'S TREASURE

PAUL — DON'T YOU FEEL IT? THERE'S 'SOMETHING' HERE! SOMETHING COLD — AND EVIL! PUT THAT CHEST BACK! PLEASE!

THE TREASURE I CAME 10,000 MILES TO FIND — AND FOUND? — AND YOU ASK ME TO LEAVE IT? YOU MUST BE MAD!!!

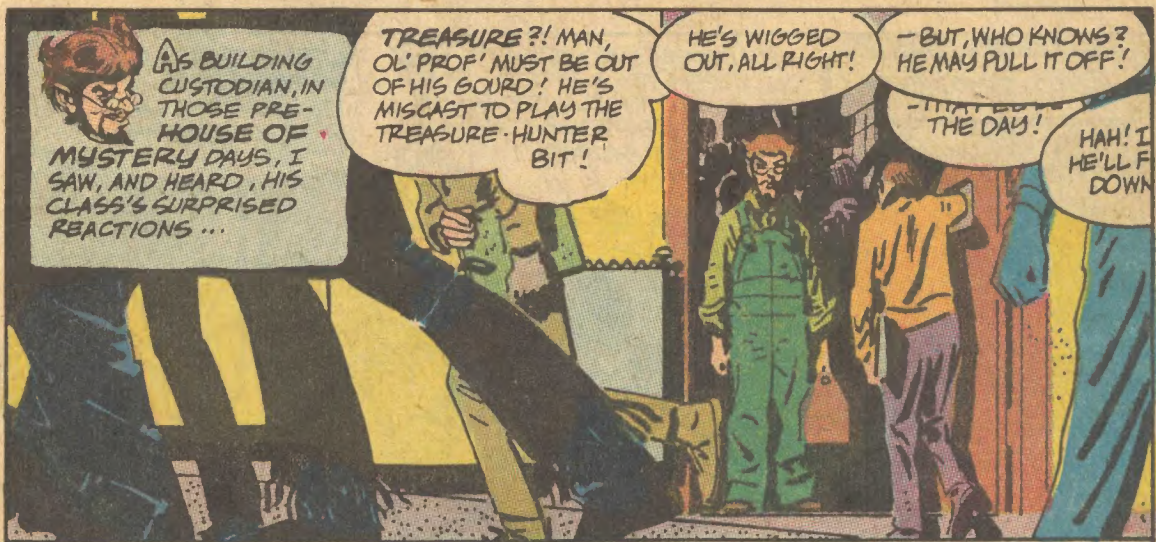




AT FIRST, PROF. PAUL TURNER, OF STATE U.'S PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT, SEEMED A MAN OF HIGH IDEALS! OL' CAIN WAS THERE AT THE START OF THE ODD STORY - BUT EVEN I COULDN'T GUESS HOW IT WOULD ALL END ...

...THEREFORE, CLASS, THIS IS MY LAST LECTURE! AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY LONG YEARS OF STUDY OF THE EARLY EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATIONS HAVE PRODUCED CLUES TO THE LOCATION OF A GREAT TREASURE ...

...IN A WEEK, I WILL LEAVE FOR EGYPT - TO FIND IT! SO, TO YOU ALL - GOODBYE!



AS BUILDING CUSTODIAN, IN THOSE PRE-HOUSE OF MYSTERY DAYS, I SAW, AND HEARD, HIS CLASS'S SURPRISED REACTIONS ...

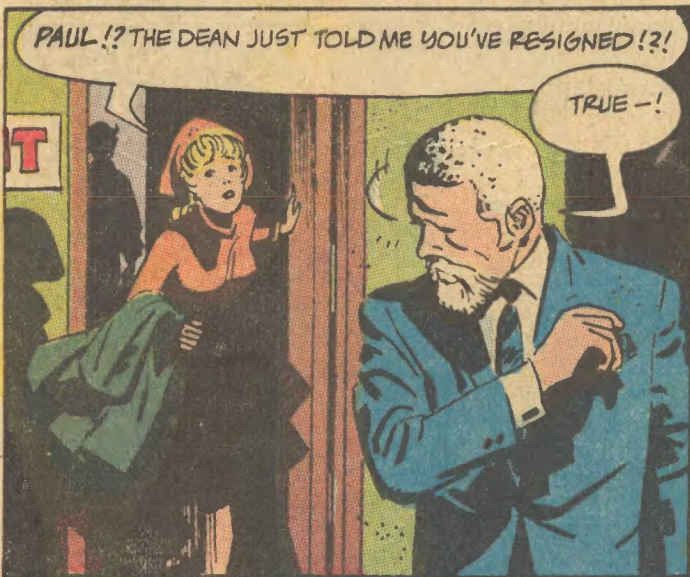
TREASURE?! MAN, OL' PROF' MUST BE OUT OF HIS GOURD! HE'S MISCAST TO PLAY THE TREASURE-HUNTER BIT!

HE'S WIGGED OUT, ALL RIGHT!

- BUT, WHO KNOWS? HE MAY PULL IT OFF!

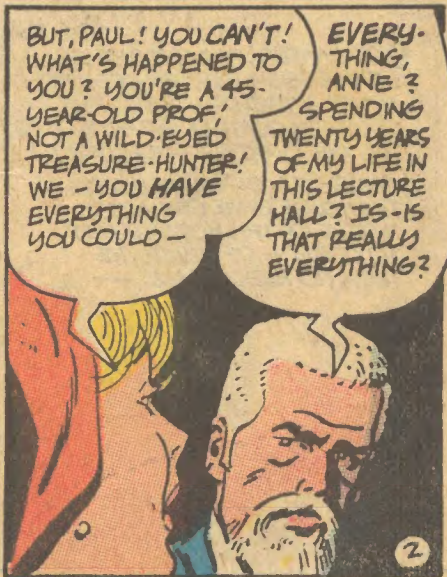
- THAT'S THE DAY!

HAH! I HE'LL F DOWN



PAUL! ? THE DEAN JUST TOLD ME YOU'VE RESIGNED! ?!

TRUE -!



BUT, PAUL! YOU CAN'T! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU'RE A 45-YEAR-OLD PROF, NOT A WILD-EYED TREASURE-HUNTER! WE - YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU COULD -

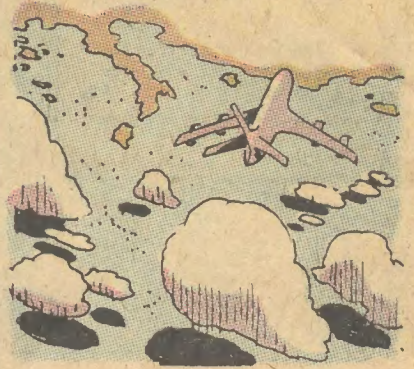
EVERY-THING, ANNE? SPENDING TWENTY YEARS OF MY LIFE IN THIS LECTURE HALL? IS - IS THAT REALLY EVERYTHING?

PAUL - PLEASE!
DON'T DO THIS!
YOU CAN'T GIVE
UP YOUR JOB,
OUR HOME -
FOR A - A
WILD
DREAM!

IT'S NOT A
DREAM! I
KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING -
AND I'LL
PROVE
IT, ANNE!

I WANT YOU TO COME TO
EGYPT WITH ME, AS A
WIFE SHOULD, TO HELP
ME! BUT - WITH YOU,
OR - WITHOUT YOU -
I'M GOING!!
YOU DECIDE
WHICH WAY
YOU WANT IT
TO BE -!

ANNE TURNER, MUCH IN LOVE
WITH PAUL, A GOOD MAN AND
HUSBAND, WAS LEFT WITH
LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO JOIN
HIM ON HIS TREK TO EGYPT
- AND THE UNKNOWN ...



CAIRO - DAYS LATER ...

- YOU UNDERSTAND, THEN?
I'LL NEED A TRUCK FITTED
FOR DESERT TRAVEL - TOOLS,
AND A WEEK'S PROVISIONS!
- AND YOUR SECRETS!

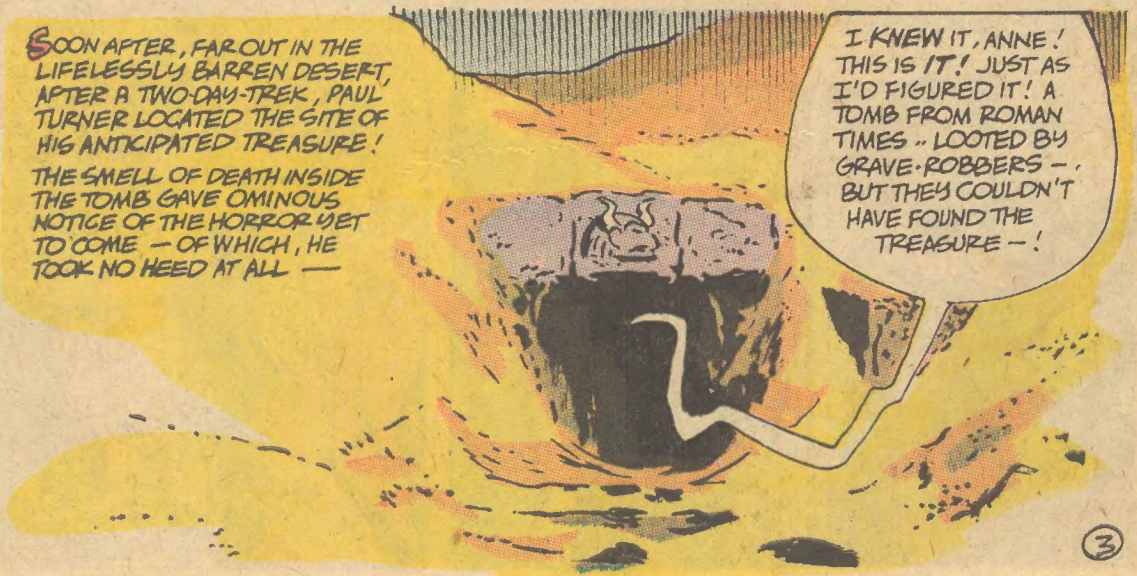
ALL THESE THINGS COME
HIGH THESE DAYS, EFFENDI!
ESPECIALLY THE LAST ITEM!
BUT, IF YOU CAN PAY -!



SOON AFTER, FAR OUT IN THE
LIFELESSLY BARREN DESERT,
AFTER A TWO-DAY TREK, PAUL
TURNER LOCATED THE SITE OF
HIS ANTICIPATED TREASURE!

THE SMELL OF DEATH INSIDE
THE TOMB GAVE OMINOUS
NOTICE OF THE HORROR YET
TO COME - OF WHICH, HE
TOOK NO HEED AT ALL -

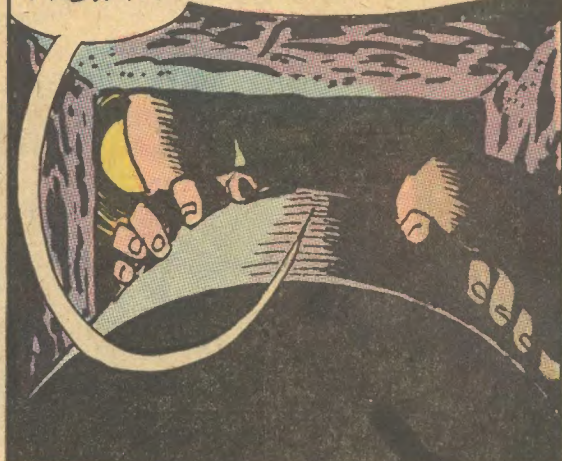
I KNEW IT, ANNE!
THIS IS IT! JUST AS
I'D FIGURED IT! A
TOMB FROM ROMAN
TIMES - LOOTED BY
GRAVE-ROBBERS -
BUT THEY COULDN'T
HAVE FOUND THE
TREASURE -!



THESE PICTOGRAPHS REPRESENT **HAPI**, SON OF HORUS, THE SUN GOD! HE WAS A DEMON, BUT MY GUIDING ANGEL! IF ALL MY FACTS ARE RIGHT, THEN, BY PRESSING HERE, UNDER THIS THIRD PICTOGRAPH OF **HAPI**, THIS PANEL SHOULD ...



..OPEN! THERE, ANNE! I WAS RIGHT! IT'S HERE! I KNEW IT WOULD BE! I KNEW IT!



PAUL! THAT SHADOW - !! IT LOOKS LIKE -

- LIKE NOTHING !! YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS! LOOK HERE, ANNE - I'M RICH - RICH !!



LOOK AT IT ALL - ROMAN JEWELRY! COINS FROM OLD JERUSALEM.. GOLD, SILVER - GEMS !!

PAUL - PLEASE DON'T TOUCH IT! IT FRIGHTENS ME! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE - THERE'S EVIL ALL AROUND US! PLEASE !!



BUT PAUL
TURNER
DIDN'T
LISTEN!

DIDN'T
SEE, OR
FEEL, THE
EVIL THAT
WOULD
TAINT HIS
MIND, AND
BODY, AND
DREAMS...
FOR LATE
THAT SAME
NIGHT, HE
HEARD...

LOOK AT HER — PRETENDING SLEEP! YOU
FOOL, SHE WANTS YOUR TREASURE! GET
RID OF HER, NOW — BEFORE SHE GETS
RID OF YOU — AND TAKES IT ALL — FOR
HERSELF!!



BY DAWN, TRANSFIXED WITH FEAR AND SUSPICION, PAUL AROSE, TO ACT OUT HIS INSANE DECISION...



PAUL..?!
WHAT'S
THAT
THAT-
BEHIND
YOU? —
P-PAUL!
NO! NO!

ANNE'S
PART IN
PAUL'S
STORY
ENDED
THEN —
THERE!
SOON
AFTER,
BACK IN
CAIRO,
PAUL
SOUGHT
OUT A
"BUYER"
TO PUT
THINGS
"RIGHT"
AGAIN...

— AH, A MOST VALUABLE
FIND, EFFENDI! YOU'RE
AWARE, OF COURSE, THAT
MY GOVERNMENT INSISTS
ON SUCH TREASURES OF
HISTORICAL VALUE BEING
TURNED OVER TO THEM,
AND ALSO, HALF OF IT
REMAIN IN EGYPT — ?

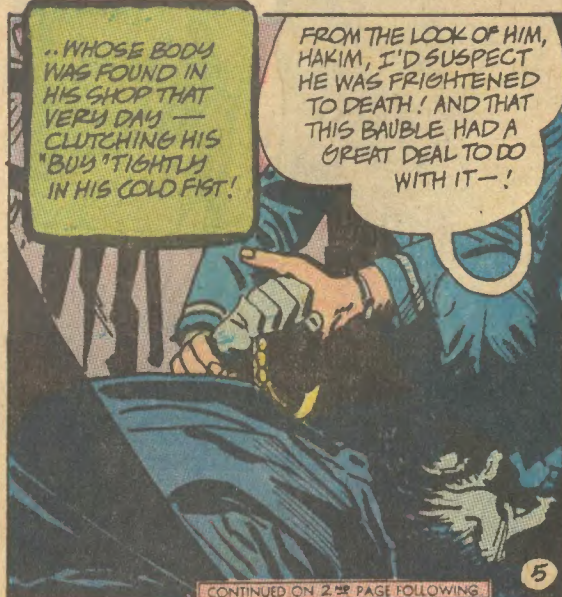
NEVER MIND THAT,
BESHARI! I WANT
A PLANE AND PILOT
IN RETURN FOR
THAT BRACELET!
YOU KNOW IT'S
WORTH A KING'S
RANSOM! WELL?
YES, OR NO?



YES, PAUL TURNER GOT HIS PLANE AND
PILOT, AND EMBARKED AT ONCE FOR
HOME BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE — TO
AVOID CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS ALONG
THE WAY! HE COULD NOT KNOW THE
STRANGE FATE OF HIS CAIRO "BUYER"...

..WHOSE BODY
WAS FOUND IN
HIS SHOP THAT
VERY DAY —
CLUTCHING HIS
"BUY" TIGHTLY
IN HIS COLD FIST!

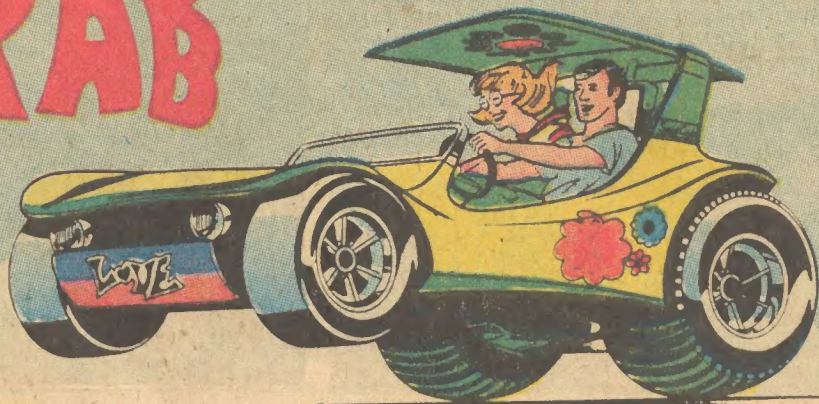
FROM THE LOOK OF HIM,
HAKIM, I'D SUSPECT
HE WAS FRIGHTENED
TO DEATH! AND THAT
THIS BAUBLE HAD A
GREAT DEAL TO DO
WITH IT — !



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NO — TURNER COULDN'T KNOW, NOR WOULD HE HAVE CARED IF HE HAD KNOWN! HE WAS DEVOID OF EMOTIONS, OTHER THAN LUSTFUL GREED FOR ALL THAT HIS TREASURE COULD GIVE HIM...

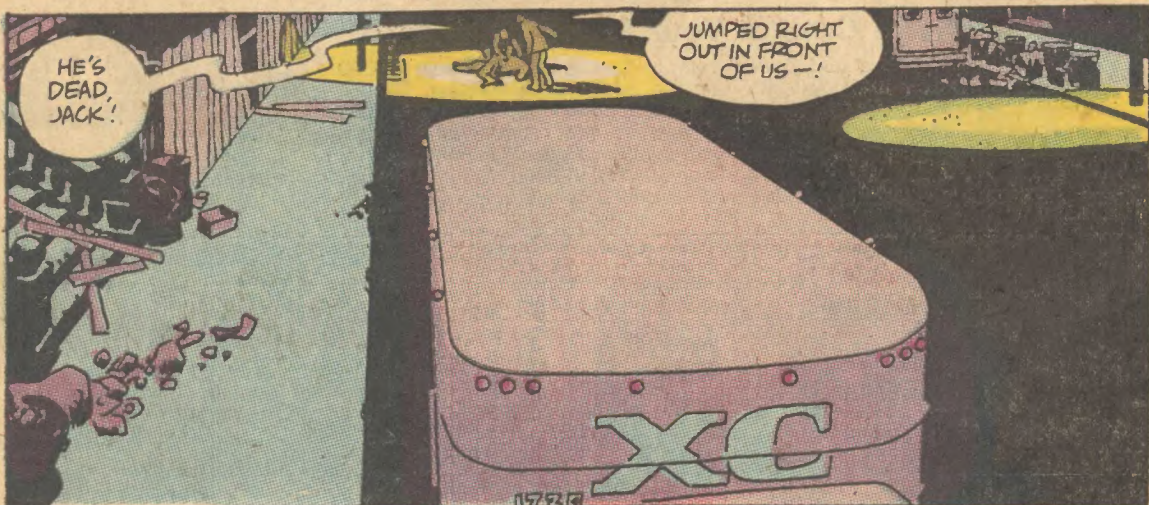
— WELL! I SEE NOW WHY YOU INSISTED ON MEETING HERE, INSTEAD OF MY OFFICE! YOU MUST'VE LOOTED A MUSEUM FOR THIS TRINKET! — IT'S —

ANCIENT — YES, I KNOW! NOW FORGET IT! YOU'VE GOT 'EM, AND I'VE GOT MY MONEY —! GOODBYE!



ONLY MONEY MATTERED TO PAUL NOW... THERE WAS NO LOOKING BACK... IF HE HAD, HE MIGHT'VE SEEN...

WHAT —?! NO!!



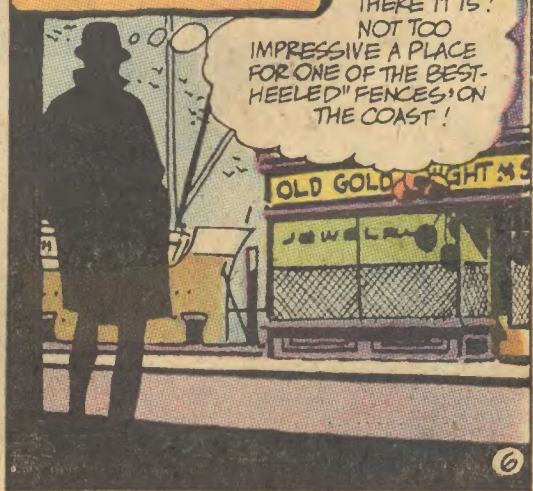
HOW COULD TURNER KNOW THE EVIL THAT HIS 'HOT' ACCURSED TREASURE HELD FOR HIM... AND OTHERS...

THESE COINS ARE MY LAST, AND MOST VALUABLE PIECES! AFTER SELLING THEM, I'LL LIVE LIKE A KING FOR KEEPS —!



AND HOW COULD HE KNOW WHO... OR WHAT... WAS GUIDING HIM, WHEN...

THERE IT IS! NOT TOO IMPRESSIVE A PLACE FOR ONE OF THE BEST-HEELED 'FENCES' ON THE COAST!

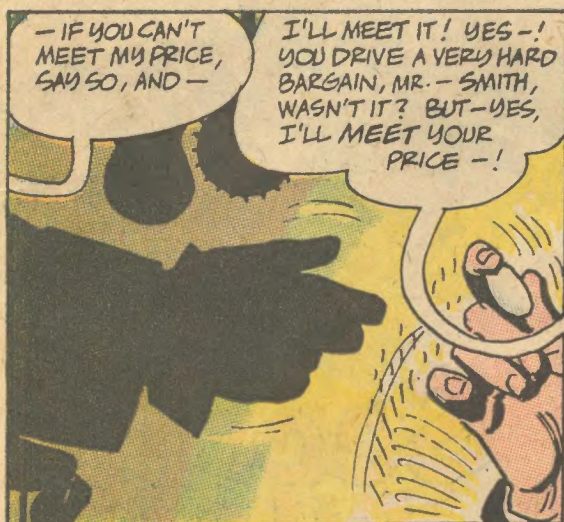




HOW COULD HE
KNOW WHY HIS
PRICE WAS MET
SO QUICKLY
THAT NIGHT?

.. YOU SAY YOU
HAVE MORE OF
THESE COINS?

I TOLD YOU HOW MANY I HAD — AND MY PRICE!
NOW, STOP THIS
STUPID GAME —



— IF YOU CAN'T
MEET MY PRICE,
SAY SO, AND —

I'LL MEET IT! YES —!
YOU DRIVE A VERY HARD
BARGAIN, MR. — SMITH,
WASN'T IT? BUT — YES,
I'LL MEET YOUR
PRICE —!



VERY WELL, THEN —!
I'LL DELIVER THEM
TO YOU, HERE, AT
NINE TONIGHT —
HAVE THE CASH
READY!



PAUL TURNER WAS ELATED .. AND WHY NOT? ONE MORE "SALE" AND THE WORLD WAS HIS! OR SO HE THOUGHT .. BUT...

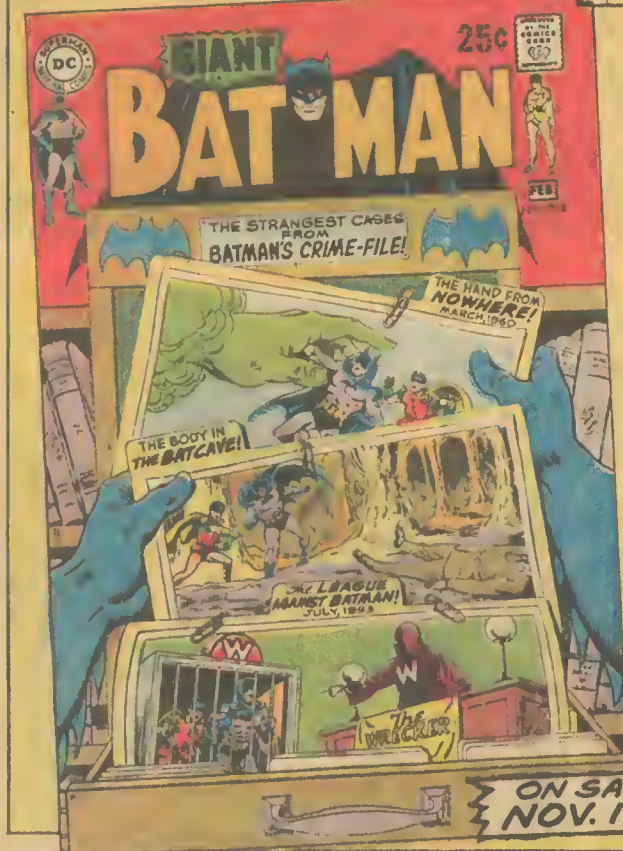
YES — RIGHT,
LT. CARSON —!
HIS NAME IS
TURNER!
PAUL TURNER!
A MURDERER!!



— AND YOU'LL CONTACT
THE EGYPTIAN POLICE!
OH — YES, HE'LL BE
BACK — TONIGHT!
AT NINE!

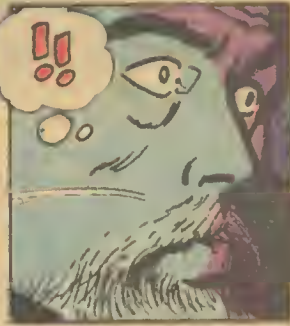
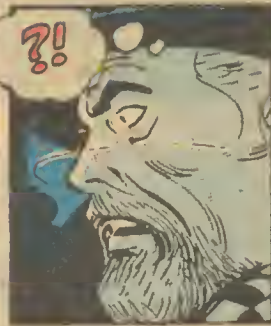
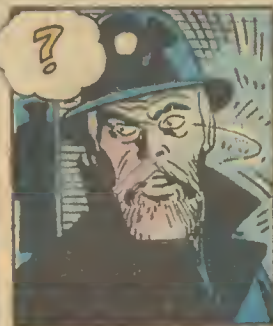
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THESE 6 PEOPLE
Davy Crockett
Daniel Boone
Buffalo Bill
Kit Carson
TOMAHAWK
POW-WOW Smith
ARE INVOLVED
IN THE MOST
DARING & DIFFERENT
D.C. SPECIAL!



THE
Secret
Files
ARE OPEN
TO THE
MOST
UNUSUAL
Batman
STORIES!

IT WAS ALMOST
OVER — ONLY
THE LAST SCENE
WAS LEFT TO BE
PLAYED, THERE,
ON THAT DARK,
DIRTY STREET,
PRECISELY AT
NINE .. WHEN...





PHIL - ROCCO!
THE END OF THE
PIER - QUICK!
- COVER ME!

CHECK!

THESE COINS...
SO HEAVY! BUT
I'LL MAKE IT!
... GOT TO!!

EVEN THEN, PAUL TURNER WAS
OBLIVIOUS OF THE HORROR
HIS GREED HAD BROUGHT HIM!
THAT, IN FINDING HIS ACCURSED
TREASURE AND REAPING ITS
REWARDS, HE HAD ALSO
SOWN THE SEEDS OF THE
GRIM HARVEST HE NOW
HAD TO REAP -
HIS OWN DOOM!

GOT TO HANG
ON! TILL THEY
LEAVE - !



AT LAST..
THEY'RE
GONE!
HUHH? -
UHH - !!



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FOR BUYING THIS MAGAZINE, THE PUBLISHERS AWARD YOU THIS DIPLOMA... (YOU DESERVE IT!)
JUST FILL IN YOUR NAME, CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE, FRAME IT, AND HANG IT ON YOUR
WALL. NOW YOU BELONG TO THE "PAGE 13 CLUB"!

Diploma

Awarded To: _____

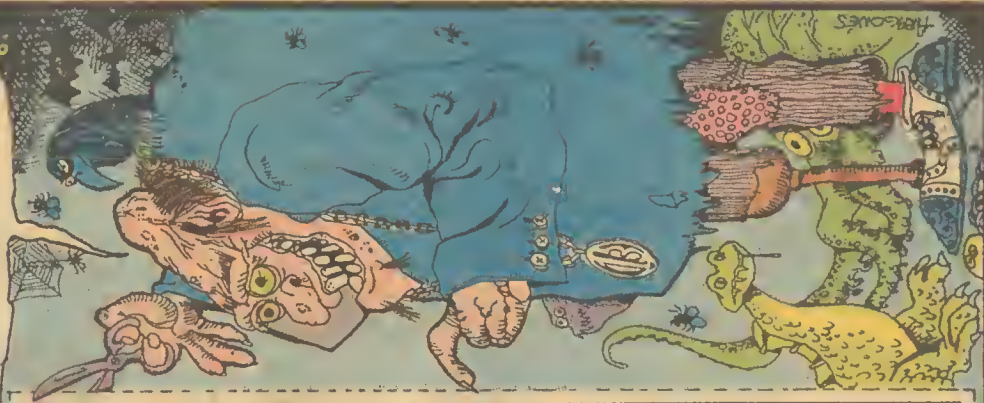
THE CARETAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF MYSTERY, KNOWN BY THE
NAME OF CAIN, DOES HEREBY
AWARD YOU THIS DIPLOMA IN
RECOGNITION OF YOUR DARING,
AND ABSOLUTE IDIOCY, IN
ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE TO
ENTER THE PORTALS OF THE
HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

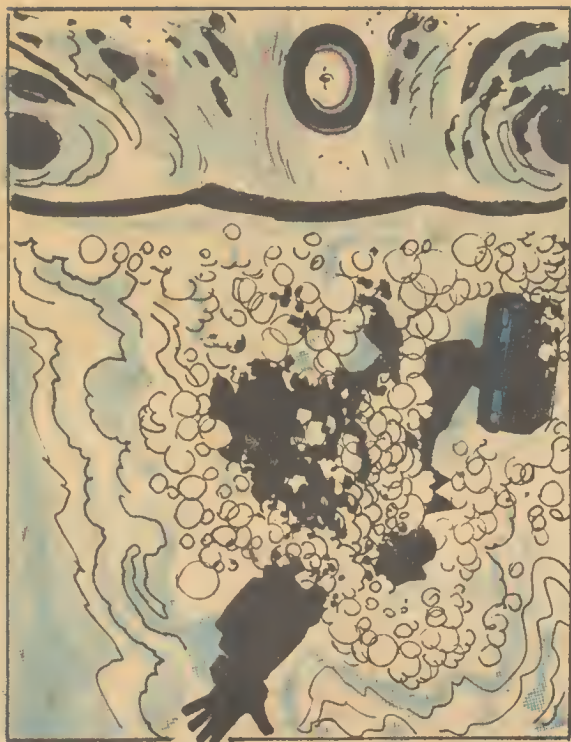
GIVEN IN THE MONTH OF _____ 1969

Cain
CARETAKER OF THE HOUSE

Sol Slando
PRESIDENT OF PAGE 13 CLUB

Carmine Watkins
GREAT GUARDIAN OF THE EVIL
DOOR OF THE HOUSE OF
MYSTERY

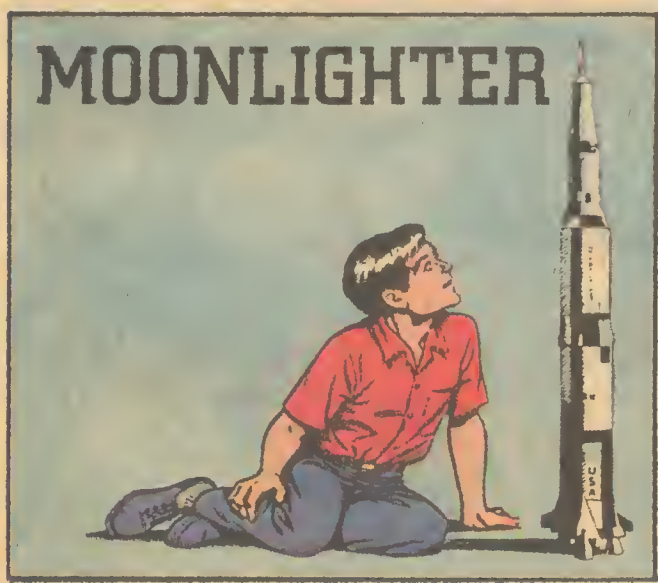
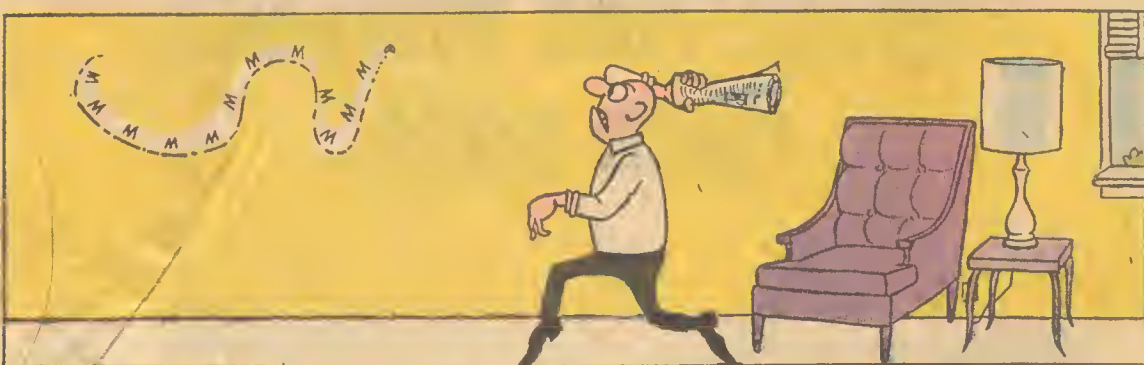




THAT'S HOW PAUL TURNER'S LIFE — AND STORY — ENDED ! MISERABLY ! HIS "JUST REWARD" FOR THE DEADLY TRAIL HE AND HIS EVIL TREASURE LEFT BEHIND HIM — ! AND MUCH LATER — AS TIME AND TIDE CLAIMED HIS MORTAL REMAINS , THERE , ON THE RIVER'S BOTTOM ... STILL GRIPPING HIS TAINTED TREASURE .. ONE COULD COUNT ...



WELL, KIDDIES — ISN'T THAT A KICK IN THE HEAD ? A HAPI ENDING — ?!! ONE MUST NOT TAKE THE VIRTUES OF THE NOBLE TEACHING PROFESSION LIGHTLY ! WE NEED TEACHERS TOO MUCH TO LOSE 'EM LIKE THIS ! SO, TO ALL PHILOSOPHY PROFS AT STATE U., AND ELSEWHERE — STICK TO IT — AND AVOID LIKE "ADVENTURES INTO THE UNKNOWN", UNLESS, LIKE PAUL TURNER, YOU DIE GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS ! ?...



MOONLIGHTER

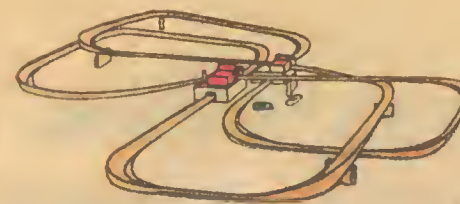
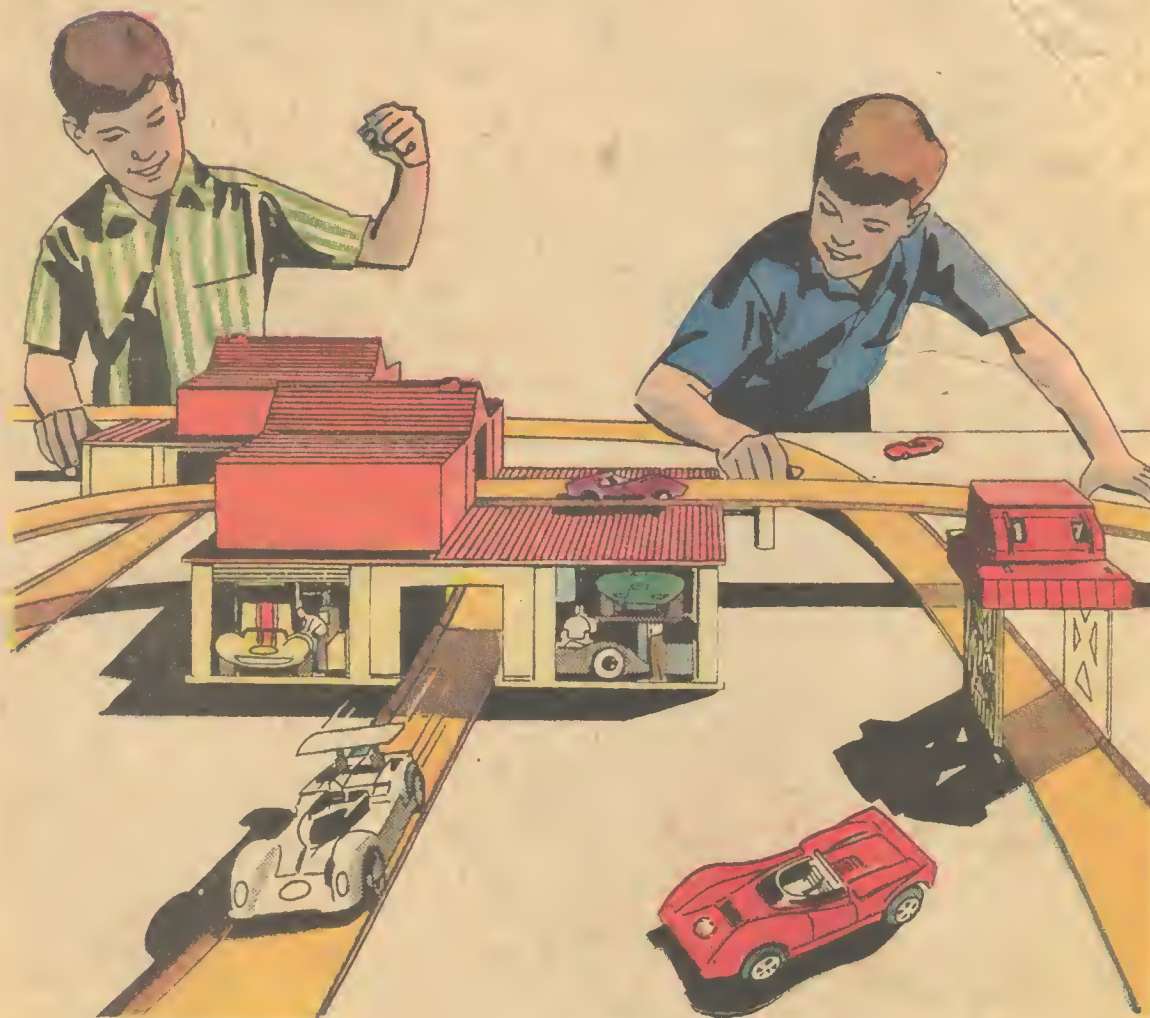
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HERE'S A STORY I FOUND IN A VERY OLD BOOK! IT CONCERNS A LONG-FORGOTTEN KINGDOM CALLED KARINEK, WHERE ALL WAS PEACEFUL...AND THE PEOPLE LED A GOOD LIFE...UNTIL A CURSE DESCENDED ON THEM IN THE FORM OF...

"THE EYES OF THE BASILISK!"



IT ALL BEGAN IN A VALLEY, WHERE FOUR HERDSMEN WERE LAZING WHILE THEIR CATTLE GRAZED...

THIS IS A DAY THAT IS MADE FOR IDLENESS!

AYE! 'TIS A GOOD TIME TO NAP THE AFTER-NOON AWAY!



THEN, SUDDENLY, A LOUD HISS WAS HEARD, AND THE SOUND OF MANY CATTLE, LOWING IN FEAR...

DIKON, JALK, ADRO! LOOK! THAT CREATURE IS SLAYING OUR CATTLE WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM!

AYE, WARK! WE MUST DRIVE IT OFF!



BUT AS THE EYES OF THE FOREMOST MEN MET THE BALEFUL GLARE OF THE MONSTROUS SERPENT...



...THEY FELL DEAD!

A SINGLE HERDSMAN ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE...YOUNG JALK, WHO HAD NOT MET THE SERPENT'S GAZE. IN PANIC, THE LAD RACED AWAY FROM THE VALLEY, ABANDONING HIS HERDS AND HIS DEAD COMPANIONS...



HELP! A MONSTER HAS KILLED DIKON, ADRO AND WARK! IT WILL DEVOUR US ALL!



LATER, IN THE TOWN...

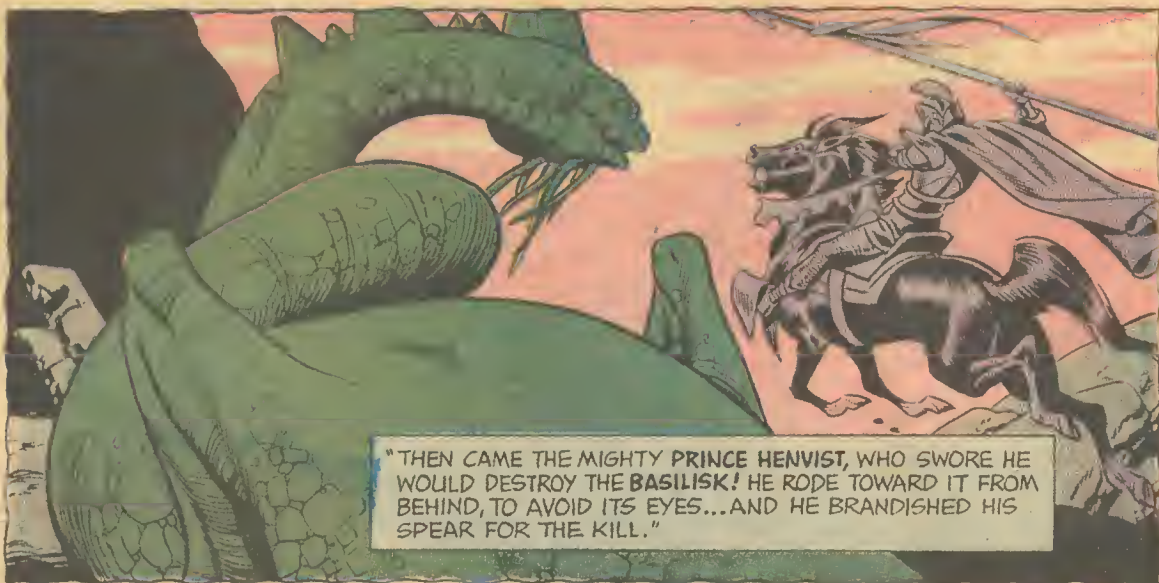
...AND THEY DIED ...SLAIN BY THE CREATURE'S EYES!

WHO HAS EVER SEEN THE LIKE?

I HAVE... LONG AGO, WHEN I WAS A CHILD!

THE BEAST IS A BASILISK... THE KING OF SERPENTS! SO THE GOLD, CROWN-LIKE CREST ON ITS HEAD PROCLAIMS IT! AND A LOOK OF ITS BALEFUL EYES CAN INDEED KILL!

WHEN I WAS BUT A LAD, SUCH A BEAST RAVAGED THE LAND!



"THEN CAME THE MIGHTY PRINCE HENVIST, WHO SWORE HE WOULD DESTROY THE BASILISK! HE RODE TOWARD IT FROM BEHIND, TO AVOID ITS EYES...AND HE BRANDISHED HIS SPEAR FOR THE KILL."

"HE DID, INDEED, STRIKE HOME WITH HIS DEATH-THRUST...BUT..."

"...SO POTENT WAS THE SERPENT'S POISON THAT IT TRAVELED THROUGH THE SPEAR...THROUGH HENVIST'S BODY...AND KILLED BOTH HIM AND HIS HORSE!"



HA, HA, HA!
WHAT A STORY!
WHO COULD
BELIEVE SUCH
NONSENSE?

WOULD YE TEST THE BASILISK'S
POISON? GO YOURSELF, THEN,
TO THE VALLEY WHENCE THE
LAD ESCAPED! THE TOWN WILL
BE WELL RID OF ONE FOOL!



I DOUBT HIM NOT! I
HAVE SEEN MEN PERISH
...YEA, AND CATTLE, TOO
...FROM THE LOOK OF
THE BASILISK!

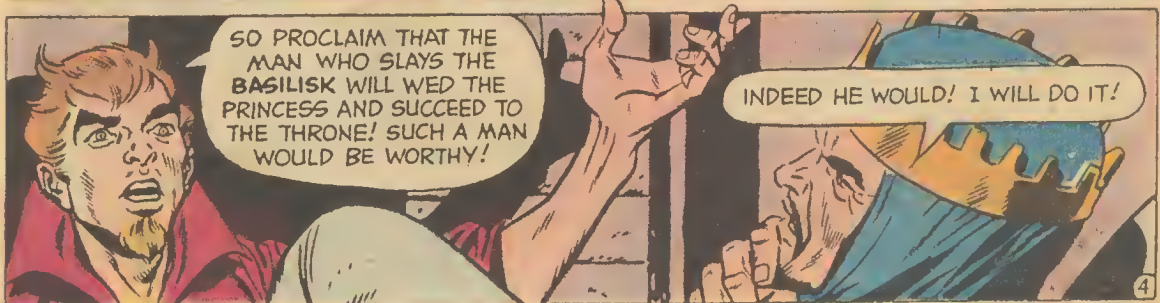
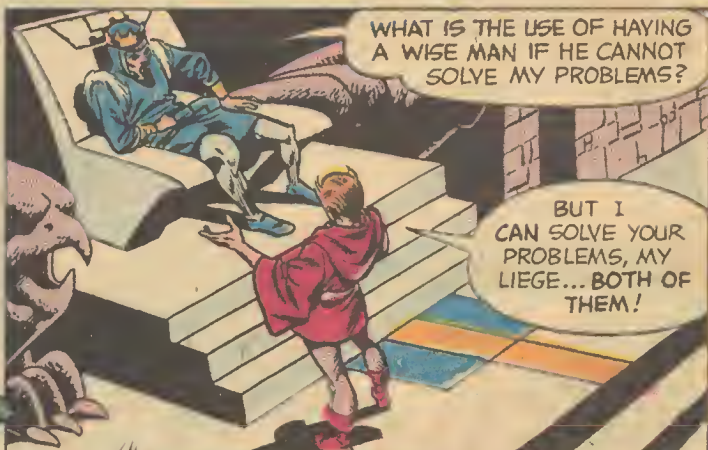
LET US SHUN THE
VALLEY...AND PRAY
THE BEAST COMES
NOT TO THE
VILLAGE!



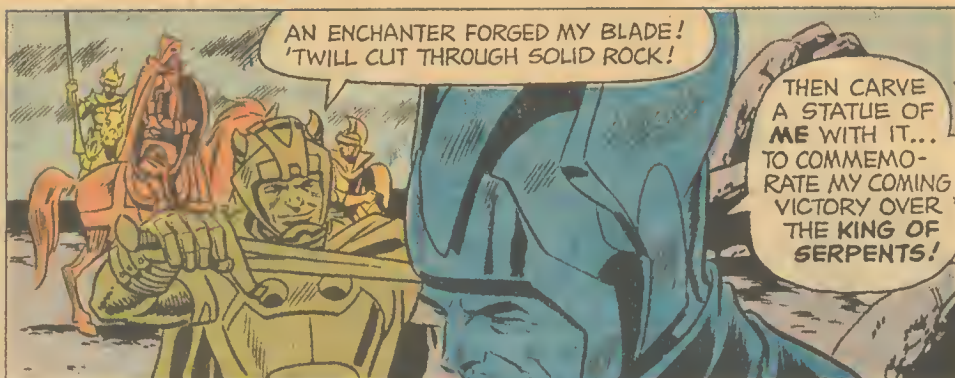
THE TOWNSFOLK HEEDED THIS SAGE ADVICE, AND THE BASILISK HAD THE VALLEY TO ITSELF. ITS POISONOUS PRESENCE SOON CHANGED THE PLACE: THE TREES WITHERED, THE GRASS DIED, AND THE LAKE BECAME STAGNANT AND POLLUTED...



THE KING OF KARINEK, WHO WAS CALLED LUNDRU, WAS SADDENED BY THE CURSE THAT HAD FALLEN ON HIS KINGDOM, AND SENT FOR HIS CHIEF WISE MAN, CANTHROS...



SO THE PRO-
CLAMATION WAS
MADE, AND SOON
THE WORD
SPREAD TO ALL
NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES. AND
BECAUSE ADEEN
WAS LOVELY, AND
KARINEK PROS-
PEROUS, MANY
KNIGHTS AND
PRINCES CAME
TO TRY FOR THE
PRIZE...



THEN CARVE
A STATUE OF
ME WITH IT...
TO COMMEMO-
RATE MY COMING
VICTORY OVER
THE KING OF
SERPENTS!

ONE BY ONE, THE HEROES WENT
FORTH TO FIGHT THE BASILISK...
AND ONE BY ONE, THEY DIED! SOON,
THE VALLEY WAS STREWN WITH THE
EMPTY ARMOR OF THE VALIANT MEN
WHO HAD PERISHED... ARMOR
CRACKED OPEN BY THE GREAT
SERPENT. AS A SQUIRREL CRACKS
OPEN A NUT TO GET AT THE NUT-
MEAT WITHIN...



LET THE MONSTER
SHOW HIMSELF AND
LOOK UPON
HIS MASTER!



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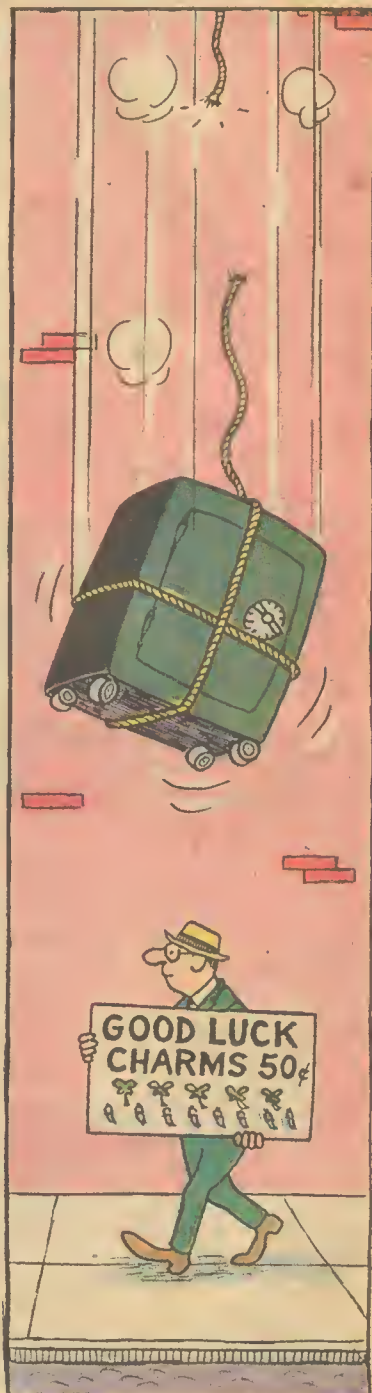
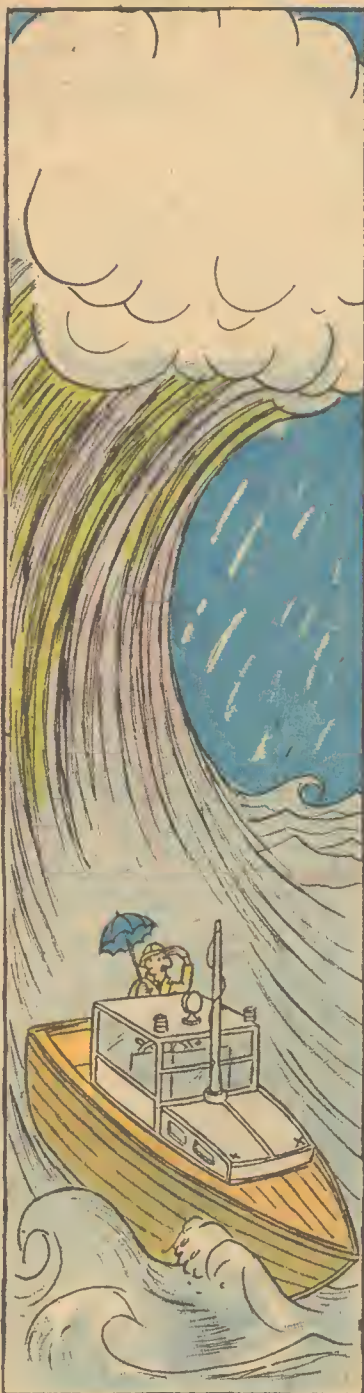


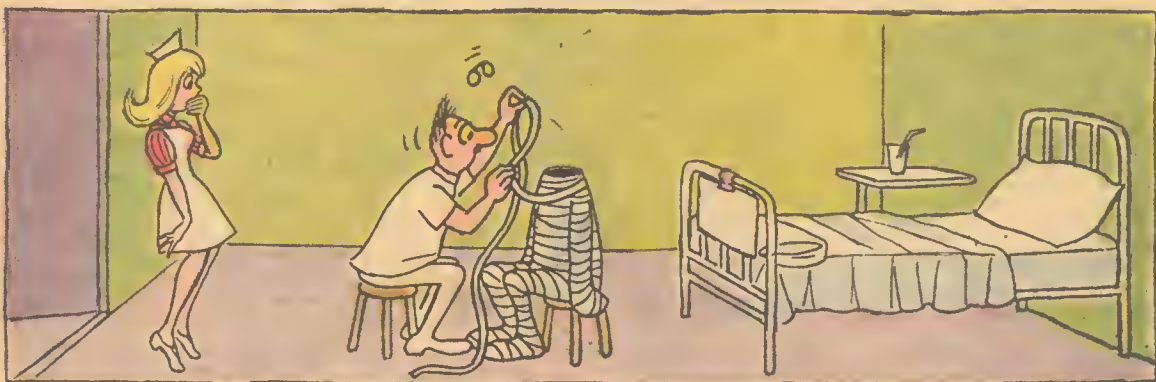
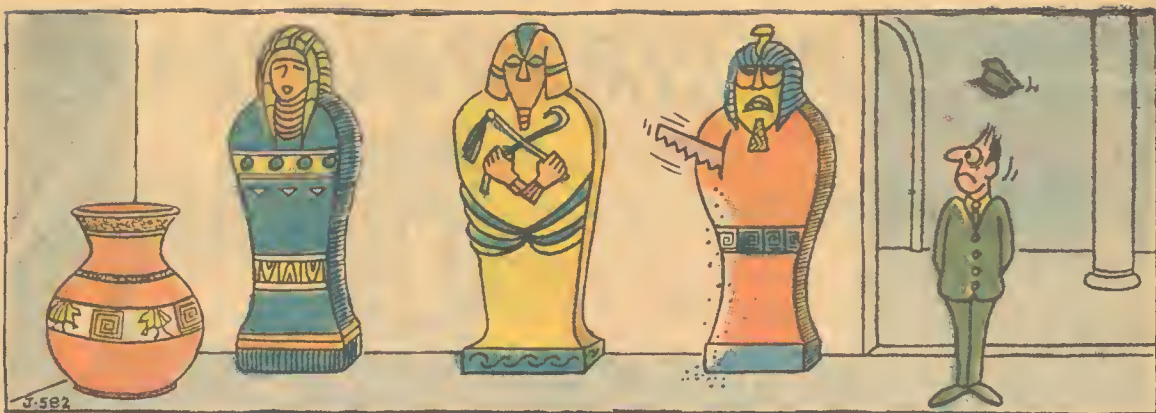
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DECISION
FOR
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ON SALE
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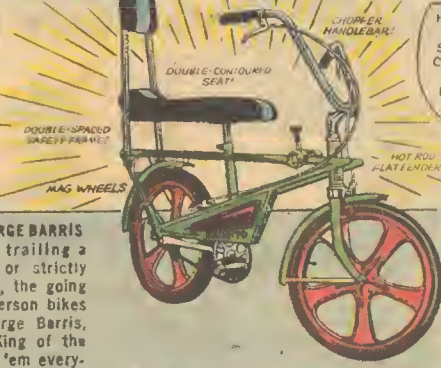
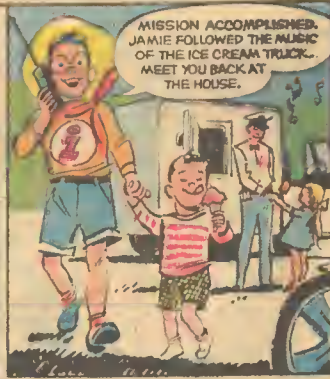
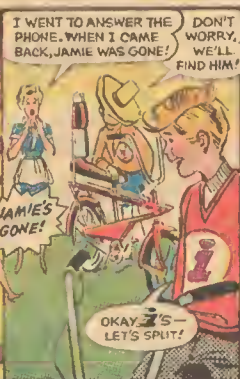


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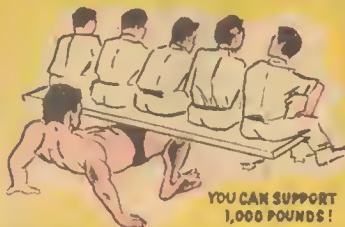
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PART II **"THE EYES** **OF THE** **BASILISK!"**

NOW, IN THAT LAND DWELT A NOBLEMAN NAMED NEMGARTH AND HIS TWO SONS, DURSUS THE CLEVER AND ULFAR THE AFFLICTED...

BUT, DURSUS, YOU CANNOT GO AGAINST THE BASILISK! THINK OF THE BRAVE MEN IT HAS SLAIN ALREADY!

IT SLEW THEM BECAUSE THEY RELIED ON COURAGE ALONE...NOT ON CLEVERNESS!



THAT IS WHY I AM POLISHING MY SHIELD TO A MIRROR-LIKE SHEEN. TO KILL THE SERPENT, I MUST SEE IT!

YET I MUST DO SO IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT CANNOT KILL ME!



SO INSTEAD OF LOOKING DIRECTLY AT IT, I WILL LOOK AT ITS REFLECTION IN MY SHIELD! THUS, ITS DEADLY GAZE CANNOT HARM ME!

A BRILLIANT PLAN, BROTHER!



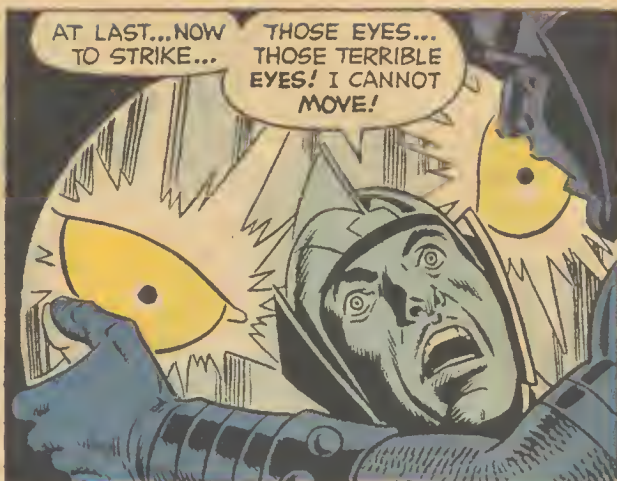
THE NEXT DAY...

NO SENSE IN ENDANGERING MY HORSE! I'LL DO BETTER WITHOUT IT, ANYWAY. HAVE IT WAITING FOR ME, ULFAR, SO I CAN RIDE TO THE PALACE AND CLAIM MY REWARD!

GOOD FORTUNE ATTEND YOU, DURSUS!



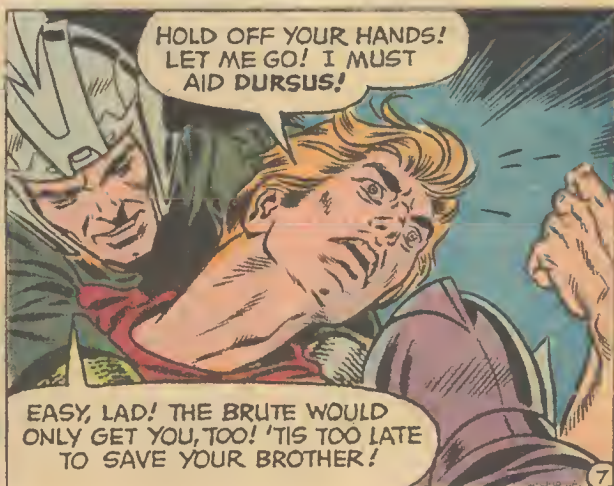
AND SO DURSUS WENT INTO THE VALLEY...
WALKING BACKWARD AND GUIDING HIS STEPS
BY THE REFLECTION IN HIS SHIELD...



FROM HIS STATION AT THE VALLEY'S ENTRANCE,
ULFAR HEARD HIS BROTHER'S DEATH-CRY...



DRAWN BY THE SAME SOUND, TWO OF THE KING'S
GUARD, WHO WERE STATIONED NEARBY, RUSHED FOR-
WARD AND RESTRAINED ULFAR, WHO WOULD HAVE
TRIED TO GO TO HIS BROTHER...





TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM,
YES! BUT I CAN STILL
AVENGE HIM!

POOR FELLOW!
SORROW HAS
ADDLED HIM!
WHAT CAN
HE DO?

ULFAR LOST NO TIME IN PREPARING HIMSELF
FOR HIS GRIM QUEST...

GO NOT, MY SON! MUST
I LOSE YOU, AS WELL
AS YOUR BROTHER? ONE
WITH YOUR AFFLICTION
CAN BE NO WARRIOR OR
DRAGON-SLAYER!

MAYHAP I AM
THE ONLY ONE WHO
CAN! 'TIS IN THE
HANDS OF THE
GODS, FATHER!



THUS IT WAS THAT
ULFAR THE AFFLICTED
STRODE INTO THE
VALLEY, TO BE MET
BY THE SLITHERING
BASILISK AND ITS
BALEFUL EYES...

HISS AWAY, OLD FELLOW!
THAT IS THE LAST SOUND
YOU'LL MAKE!

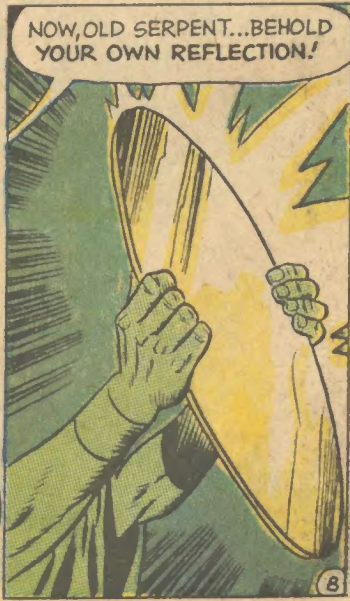
ULFAR MET THE GLANCE WITH-
OUT SO MUCH AS A BLINK...

AT LAST YOU'VE MET
SOMEONE YOU CANNOT
KILL WITH YOUR EYES!



THEN HE UNVEILED HIS SECRET
WEAPON...A MIRROR!

NOW, OLD SERPENT...BEHOLD
YOUR OWN REFLECTION!



AND THE POISONOUS GLARE
OF THE BASILISK, TURNED
BACK UPON ITSELF, KILLED
THE BRUTE...

I KNEW IT! NO SERPENT
IS IMMUNE TO ITS OWN POISON
...NOT EVEN THE KING OF
SERPENTS! BROTHER DURSUS,
YOU ARE AVENGED!



WHEN NEWS OF THE SLAYING OF THE BASILISK SPREAD, THE PEOPLE CARRIED ULFAR IN TRIUMPH TO THE PALACE...



SOON, KING LUNDRIU WELCOMED THE HERO, AND PRESENTED HIM TO HIS FUTURE BRIDE...

THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, ADEEN! TOMORROW YOU WILL BE WED...AND I COULD NOT WISH FOR A WORTHIER SON-IN-LAW!

THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!

HOW HANDSOME HE IS!



NOW TELL US, ULFAR...WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO LOOK INTO THE FATAL EYES OF THE BASILISK?



ASK THAT OF THE DEAD, MY LIEGE, FOR ONLY THEY HAVE KNOWN THAT EXPERIENCE!

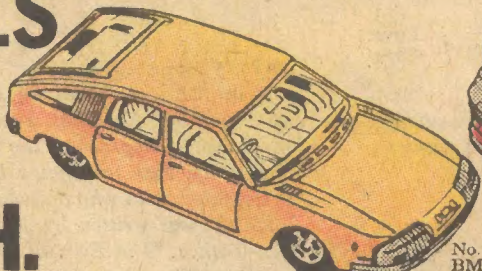
I WAS ABLE TO SLAY THE BEAST ONLY BECAUSE I COULD NOT SEE THE EYES! I WAS BORN BLIND!



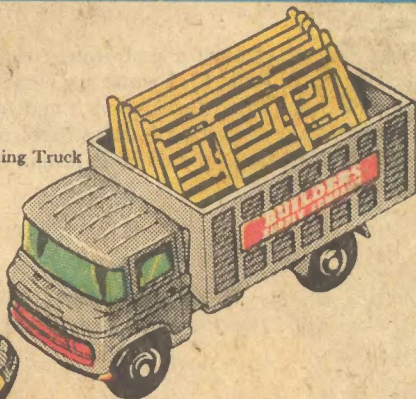
THAT'S THE TALE, AND I CAN VOUCH FOR IT! AFTER ALL, LOOK AT THE WISE CANTHROS! WHO DOES HE LOOK LIKE TO YOU? HEH, HEH!

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So remember, keep your li'l traps closed or I'll send Grogory after you. Who's Grogory?? My pet gargoyle of course. He just loves little kids. Hee Hee.

Anyway come on down to the MAIL ROOM and help me open letters...watch your step...that board is loose...one of these days I'll get around to fixing it.

Ahaa here's a letter, very pretty yellow stationery, mmmm...it's from Karen DiBenedetto of Arlington, Virginia; it says...

Dear Cain:

I loved the issue No. 179. The story I liked best is the Widow's Walk. Do you have other issues like it, what I mean is, do you have the same titles like Lois Lane and all? I really like the man, Cain. Is he in any other of your mags? If you do have any other mags like No.179 I am going to start collecting them.

Love,

Karen

Thanks, Karen, the Widow was one of my favorite people too...such a patient woman. Here's a letter from D.S.

Dear Cain,

I was looking through a past issue, No. 177 and I found a lease for room 13. I wrote my name on it and cut it out! I then spied the key on it and formed the likeness of the key in wax, I became flustered and put the key in the hole of my door. It fit and opened it! What can I do?

Love,

D.S.

Dear D.S.,

Put the number 13 on your door...immediately. You're a winner! Here's a letter from Karen Armitage of Wis.

Dear Cain,

There is only one way I can express my views on "The House of Mystery" #181...Spine-tingling! That is the best issue yet. I like your stories better than Abel's in The House of Secrets.

Sincerely,

Karen Armitage

Karen...You're a doll...One thing that warms the cockles of my heart and makes my ears tingle is that you like the stories from the House of Mystery better than Abel's stories in the House of Secrets.

Here's a letter from an old friend, Allen Benner... Allen writes like he knows what it's all about and it's funny to see how he's more wrong than right. HA! Greetings Cain,

Once again, Neal Adams was triumphant. He had the best story in issue #181 with the misleading title of "The Siren of Satan". Unfortunately, the Dark Master didn't appear. The author, I presume, was Howie Post. I always appreciate the special touches of Adam's art; the "possessed" features of the prowlers of the night, the extravagant extras such as wandering spectres, rats, and the feeling of force that is transmitted with tragedy strikes. Then, to top it off, there was an "unended" ending and a warning to the reader!

For a supporting story, "Sir Greeley's Revenge" was satisfactory. Another inker could have improved the art. Anyway, what are we doing with a snowstorm in June! Through your misinterpretation of my letter printed in #181 you have probably set off a flood of obscenities in my direction! By quoting me out of context ("why have a letter column?") you missed my point and merely furthered my accusations. Rephrasing my query, I asked, "If you don't even consider suggestions, why have a letter column?" To me, the purpose of the column is for fans to sound off their likes and dislikes, staff-wise and to forward helpful hints for the mag's improvement. One good step in that direction—you gave into the consensus and published a supernatural giant. Well, with a brother like Abel, I guess you can't help it!

Sincerely,

Allen Benner, Hanover, Pa.

Wrong Allen...Heh...Heh... "The Siren of Satan" in issue 181 was drawn by Bernie Wrightson...the author was Bob Kanigher. You're right about the ending though. I appreciate the dig at brother Abel... Keep it up. Just so tenants like Allen Benner don't get confused as to who did what in this issue: "Turner's Treasure" was written by Jack Oleck and drawn by Alex Toth... "The Eyes of the Basilisk" was written by none other than that groovy E. Nelson Bridwell and drawn by Gil Kane, inked by Wally Wood.

Well be seeing you bug-eyed cats and kittens...

*Your friendly caretaker,
Cain*